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Sir,

Response to Office Communication regarding Election Requirement.

In response to the Office Action mailed 07/07/2005, Applicant hereby requests reconsideration of the Examiner's conclusion that Applicants reply 5/17/2005 was not fully responsive.

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More specifically, every element of claims 1-18 is fully shown and numbered in the elected species of Figs. 1-9.

In support of the aforementioned statement, Applicant files herewith a copy of the claims 1-18 pending in the subject application but with the reference numerals added thereto as fully described and supported by the detailed description.

More particularly, every element of claims 1-18 has been numbered and there is not even one element that is not shown in the elected species of Figs. 1-9.

Accordingly, Applicant has been placed in an impossible situation by the Examiner who asserts that "independent claim 17, for example, clearly and obviously does not read onto the elected species".

For emphasis, Applicant is of the opinion that the Examiner's conclusion is completely incorrect. The Examiner has given no reason as to what element claimed in claim 17 is not shown in Figs. 1-9 of the elected species.

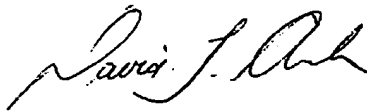
The Examiner has also made the inference that Applicant's representative in the Reply 5/17/2005 made "a cursory "opinion" that all claims read on the elected species"". Applicant's representative, the undersigned in fact prior to filing the Reply made a very careful review of all of the claims of the subject application and checked the claimed elements thereof against the detailed description

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description and the reference numbers of the elected species of Figs 1-9. Accordingly, after making such careful review, Applicants representative made the correct conclusion that all of the claims 1-18 clearly read onto the embodiment shown in the elected species of Figs. 1-9.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Reply filed 5/17/2005 should be accepted by the Examiner as fully responsive and that no extension of time be required for entry of such Reply.

Respectfully submitted,



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